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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the International Search Report issued for corresponding Appln. No. PCT/JP03/15848 dated April 19, 2004.

According to the Search Report, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,285,826, 6,400,893 and 6,424,797 are all family members of EP 1 115 118. U.S. Patent No. 6,351,442 and Patent Publication Nos. 2003/174593 and 2002/034130 are family members of EP 0 962 929. U.S. Patent No. 6,442,333 is a family member of EP 0 926 680.


Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that all documents submitted herewith were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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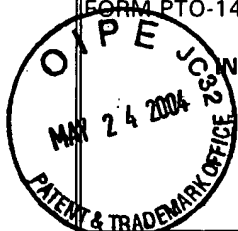
It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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